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DAMASCUS FOR ATHERTON

KUWAIT, DHAHRAN AND MANAMA FOR AMBASSADOR PICKERING

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (ATHERTON, ALFRED L.)

SUBJECT: ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON VISIT

1. SCHEDULE IN AMMAN AS FOLLOWS:

DECEMBER 18

9045 -- ARRIVE AMMAN AND MET AT AIRPORT BY MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS SADEQ ASH-SHAR', FONMIN UNDER-SECRETARY HASSAN IBRAHIM, ACTING GOVERNOR OF AMMAN, AMBASSADOR PICKERING, AND OTHER OFFICIALS; PROCEED DIRECTLY TO RESIDENCE FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH AMBASSADOR.

1100 (TENTATIVE) -- MEETING WITH KING HUSSEIN (PRIME MINISTER RIFAI MAY JOIN).

1200 -- AUDIENCE WITH CROWN PRINCE HASSAN (TENTATIVE).

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1300 -- PRIVATE LUNCH AT RESIDENCE WITH AMBASSADOR PICKERING.

(1640-- AMBASSADOR GODLEY ARRIVES VIA MEA 312.)

1730 -- MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER RIFAI.

1900 -- ATHERTON DISCUSSIONS WITH AMBASSADOR GODLEY.

2000 -- DINNER FOR 10 HOSTED BY PM RIFAI (JORDANIAN GUESTS ARE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS SHAR', ARMED FORCES CHIEF OF STAFF BIN SHAKER AND CHIEF OF ROYAL DIWAN. AMBASSADOR GODLEY AND ABINGTON INCLUDED AMONG AMERICAN GUESTS).

DECEMBER 19

0800 -- BREAKFAST AT RESIDENCE WITH AMBASSADORS PICKERING AND GODLEY.

0900 -- DEPART AMMAN FOR JIDDA.

2. MEDIA WILL COVER ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE, LEAVING IT TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON'S DISCRETION WHETHER HE WISHES TO MAKE STATEMENT, ANSWER QUESTION, OR HOLD MORE FORMAL AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE.
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